INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
[Investigation No. 731–TA–1178 (Preliminary)]

Glyphosate From China


ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of petition in antidumping investigation.

SUMMARY: On April 29, 2010, the Department of Commerce and the Commission received letters on behalf of the petitioner in the subject investigation (Albaugh, Inc., Ankeny, IA) withdrawing its petition. Commerce has not initiated an investigation as provided for in section 732(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)). Accordingly, the Commission gives notice that its antidumping investigation concerning glyphosate from China (investigation No. 731–TA–1178 [Preliminary]) is discontinued.

DATES: Effective Date: April 29, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sherman (202–205–3289), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Abbott, Secretary to the Commission.


INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
[Investigation No. 332–518]

China’s Agricultural Trade: Competitive Conditions and Effects on U.S. Exports


ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of hearing.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on April 1, 2010, of a request from the United States Senate Committee on Finance (Committee) under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) instituted investigation No. 332–518, China’s Agricultural Trade: Competitive Conditions and Effects on U.S. Exports.


ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project leader Joanna Bonarriva (202–205–3312 or joanna.bonarriva@usitc.gov) or deputy project leader Marin Weaver (202–205–3461 or marin.weaver@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3001 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.oloughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background: As requested by the Committee, the Commission will conduct an investigation and prepare a report on the conditions of competition in China’s agricultural market and trade and their effect on U.S. agricultural exports. As requested, to the extent possible, the report will include—

(1) An overview of China’s agricultural market, including recent trends in production, consumption, and trade;

(2) A description of the competitive factors affecting the agricultural sector in China, in such areas as costs of production, technology, domestic support and government programs related to agricultural markets, foreign direct investment policies, and pricing and marketing regimes;

(3) An overview of China’s participation in global agricultural export markets, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region and in those markets with which China has negotiated trade agreements;

(4) A description of the principal measures affecting China’s agricultural imports, including tariffs and non-tariff measures such as sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade, and;

(5) A quantitative analysis of the economic effects of China’s MFN tariffs, preferential tariffs negotiated under China’s free trade agreements, and China’s non-tariff measures on U.S. agricultural exports to China and on imports from the rest of the world.

The Committee asked that the Commission’s report cover the period 2005–2009, or the period 2005 to the latest year for which data are available. The Committee requested that the Commission deliver its report by March 1, 2011.

Public Hearing: The Commission will hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than